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For: PROCESS FOR HEAT TREATING CERAMICS AND ARTICLES OF  
MANUFACTURE MADE THEREOF  
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- ☒ [ X ] Twenty-eight (28) pages of specification
- ☒ [ X ] Twelve (12) pages of claims
- ☒ [ X ] Four (4) sheets of formal drawings
- ☒ [ X ] One (1) pages of Abstract

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The above patent application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/576,833 filed on May 22, 2000 by Mehrotra et al., which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/393,004 filed on September 9, 1999 now abandoned, by Mehrotra et al.

Applicants hereby claim the benefit of the filing dates of the above-mentioned patent applications.

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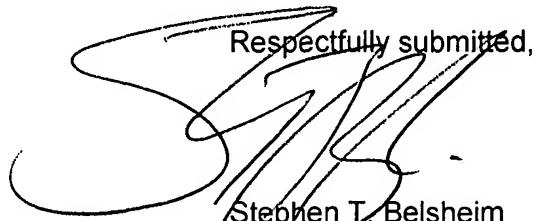
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